

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A golf club grip that includes an elongated strip, said strip comprising:
 - a layer of felt;
 - a mesh formed of fabric fibers overlaying the outer surface of the layer of felt;
 - a layer of synthetic plastic covering and impregnating the mesh, with such plastic bonding the mesh fibers to the felt and with fibers of the mesh defining slip-resistant grooves in the outer surface of the plastic coating; and
 - the outer surface of the plastic layer being buffed to partially expose the fabric fibers.
2. A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 1 wherein the mesh is defined by a first set of fibers that extend longitudinally with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and a second set of fibers that extend transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and the transversely extending fibers are thicker than the longitudinally extending fibers to define the grooves.
3. A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 1 wherein the side edges of the synthetic plastic layer of the strip are heat-compressed so as to reinforce such side edges and outwardly and downwardly slanted side edges are formed along the length of the felt layer.
4. A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 1 wherein the synthetic plastic is polyurethane.
5. A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the side edges of the synthetic plastic layer of the strip are heat-compressed so as to reinforce such side edges and outwardly and downwardly slanted side edges are formed along the length of the felt layer.

6. The combination of a golf club handle and a resilient slip-on grip, such combination comprising:

a strip that includes a layer of felt, a mesh formed of transversely extending fabric fibers overlaying the outer surface of the felt, and a layer of synthetic plastic covering and impregnating the mesh layer bonding the mesh to the felt layer, with fibers of the mesh layer defining transversely extending slip resistant grooves in the outer surface of the synthetic plastic coating, the outer surface of such synthetic plastic coating being buffed to partially expose the fibers;

an adhesive on the underside of the felt layer;

a resilient sleeve that is slipped over the handle; and

the strip being spirally wrapped about and adhered to the sleeve to define said golf club grip.

7. The combination of Claim 6 where the synthetic plastic is polyurethane.

8. The combination as set forth in Claim 6 wherein heat compressed radially inwardly extending reinforcement side edges are formed in the synthetic plastic layer of the strip along the length of the strip, and outwardly and downwardly slanted side edges are formed along the length of the felt-layer whereby when the strip is spirally wrapped about the sleeve to define said grip the undersides of adjoining recessed side edges overlap one another to define a water retarding joint between the adjoining side edges.

9. The combination of Claim 6 wherein the mesh is defined by a first set of fibers that extend longitudinally with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and a second set of fibers that extend transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and the transversely extending fibers are thicker than the longitudinally extending fibers to define the grooves.

10. The combination of Claim 7 wherein the mesh is defined by a first set of fibers that extend longitudinally with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and a second set of fibers that extend transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and the transversely extending fibers are thicker than the longitudinally extending fibers to define the grooves.

11. The combination of a golf club handle and a resilient slip-on grip, such grip comprising:

a strip that includes a felt layer, a mesh layer made up of intersecting fibers, a synthetic plastic layer coated over and impregnating the mesh layer, with fibers of the mesh layer defining transversely extending grooving in the outer surface of the synthetic plastic layer, and the outer surface of the synthetic plastic layer being buffed to partially expose the fibers;

a resilient rubber-like sleeve that is slipped over the golf club handle; and
with the strip being spirally wrapped about the sleeve to define the golf club grip.

12. The combination of Claim 11 wherein the synthetic plastic is polyurethane.

13. The combination as set forth in Claim 11 wherein heat compressed radially inwardly extending reinforcement side edges are formed in the synthetic plastic layer of the strip along the length of the strip, and outwardly and downwardly slanted side edges are formed along the length of the felt-layer whereby when the strip is spirally wrapped about the sleeve to define said grip the underside of adjoining recessed side edges overlap one another to define a water retarding joint between the adjoining side edges.

14. The combination of Claim 11 wherein the mesh is defined by a first set of fibers that extend longitudinally with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and a second set of fibers that extend transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip and the transversely extending fibers are thicker than the longitudinally extending fibers to define the grooves.

15. The combination of Claim 11 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is formed with a nipple having an upwardly-facing circumferential groove, the outer portion of which defines a flexible circumferential lip and the lip is expanded outwardly over the lower end of the strip within the groove to firmly retain the lower end of the strip within the groove.

16. A method of making a golf club grip strip from a first fiber mat and a second fabric mat made up of a plurality of fibers, said method including the steps of:

attaching the mats together in overlapping relationship;

coating the fabric mat with a liquid synthetic plastic thereby impregnating the fabric mat with such synthetic plastic and bonding the fabric mat to the fiber mat;

curing the synthetic plastic with the fibers defining grooving in the exterior of the cured synthetic plastic; and

buffing the cured synthetic plastic to partially expose the fibers.

17. A method as set forth in Claim 16 wherein the synthetic plastic is polyurethane.

18. A method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the fabric mat comprises two sets of parallel fibers and the set of fibers that define the grooving in the synthetic plastic is of larger diameter than the other set of fibers.

19. A method as set forth in Claim 16 wherein the processing includes skiving the side edges of the felt layer and heat-compressing the side edges of the cured synthetic plastic.

20. A method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the processing includes skiving the side edges of the felt layer and heat-compressing the side edges of the cured polyurethane.